

**STATEMENT OF SENATOR TOMAKI JUDA
KILI/BIKINI/EJIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIA, THE
PACIFIC AND THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Senator Tomaki Juda, and I am pleased to be here today before you. I remember very well when you came to the Marshall Islands two years ago to meet with so many of us to hear our stories.

You know the story of the Bikini people better than any member of Congress, and I want to thank you for all your efforts for the people over the years.

Let me introduce our delegation. With me today are Mayor Alson Kelen, Council members Urantha Jibas and Typhoon Jamore, our liaison Jack Niedenthal, and our legal counsel, Jonathan Weisgall. I would now like to ask Mayor Alson Kelen to say a few words.

Thank you.